

ELKS DEDICATE NEW HOME

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Grand Tyler	Earl S. Edgerton	Derby Lodge, No. 571
Grand Organist	William E. Weidenhammer	Bridgeport Lodge, No. 36

THE DEDICATORY PROGRAM

March-Organ	A. Guilman
Prayer	Brother Edward J. Tupper
Dedication Service—"Building Up of Altar"	Brother William E. Weidenhammer
Opening Ode—(Air) "Auld Lang Syne"	Brother John E. Finch
Solo—"The Jehovah"	Brother William E. Weidenhammer
(Words by Oscar Beers—Music by William E. Weidenhammer)	
Acceptance of Keys for Lodge	Brother Martin J. Cunningham
Solo—"Outside the Heavenly Gates"	Chataway
Address Dedicatory	Brother William J. Malone
Solo—"Face to Face"	Bristol Lodge, No. 1010
Closing Ode—(Air) "Home, Sweet Home"	Brother William A. Tomlinson
Postlude	Brother William E. Weidenhammer

The Parade To-night.
Office of the Grand Marshal, Bridgeport, Conn., March 21.
General Order No. 1.
I. Mounted aides will report to the grand marshal at 7 p. m., at which time their duties will be assigned to them.

II. The following brothers have been detailed for duty as mounted aides: F. J. Abernethy, Lieut. F. A. Bartlett, Capt. F. V. Gihuly, Lieut. C. L. Banks, M. D. Elmer Bank, M. D. John Broderick, Henry Clappett, Fred C. Eckart, Christian Haug, William Hogan, Capt. Edward J. Joy, Walter Lalley, Major W. H. Marigold, Col. T. J. Murphy and Dr. C. A. Ryder.

III. All brothers of No. 36 will report for duty at the exercises to the grand marshal of the first division, Brother Joseph L. Flint, at the old hall, State and Court streets at 6:50 p. m. Column will be formed at 7 p. m. sharp.

IV. Bill of dress for mounted brothers: frock coat, silk hat and white gloves.

V. Line of march from lodge hall to point of formation on Court street, right resting on State street, to State street to Main street, to Fairfield avenue, to Vester street, opposite railroad station, where the visiting lodges will be received. After the reception of visiting brothers, the column will move to Fairfield avenue, to Main street, to Congress street, countermarch to E. K. home, where the parade will be dismissed.

Per Order,
LIEUT. WALTER STAPLETON,
Grand Marshal.

CAPT. S. P. CRONAN,
Chief of Staff.



WALTER STAPLETON,
Grand Marshal.

THE ORATION BY BROTHER REDDEN

Brother William A. Redden of Bridgeport lodge delivered the oration as follows:

"Everywhere throughout this broad earth we find monuments erected by man dedicated to the memory of the hero or the statesman, to the victory of some principle or to the accomplishment of some purpose or the happening of some important religious, social or political event; and whether its form be that of the simple cross erected by the peasants in the hillside country or the marble pile in the center of wealth or learning, each in its own peculiar way appeals to the imagination and awakens within him noble thoughts and high purposes. And so have to-night gathered not for the purpose of opening a mere club house or home, but rather to dedicate to the high principles of Elkindom this beautiful monument.

"This is, indeed, a glorious night for Bridgeport Lodge of Elks No. 36 and grand, indeed, are the ceremonies, but in the midst of them let us pause and remember that we are not here alone by reason of our unaided efforts but also because ever since the founding of this lodge in 1885 there have been faithful members whose pride and joy it was to labor in its behalf and now to-night the efforts of those of us now here, of those who have gone from our midst, and of those who have opened up the portals of eternity, take on this substantial and enduring form. All praise then to the officers and brothers of this lodge and particularly to the members of the building committee with its noble chairman whose ceaseless efforts have so exhausted him that so-nigh he is unable to be with us.

"But, my brothers,
Virtue alone outbuilds the pyramids.
Her monuments shall last when Egypt's fall.

"Better that these walls and all within them should forthwith crumble into dust than that the principles of this order of Elks should go forgotten and unpracticed; and I say unto you make of this building a temple wherein you practice the virtues of Justice, Charity, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

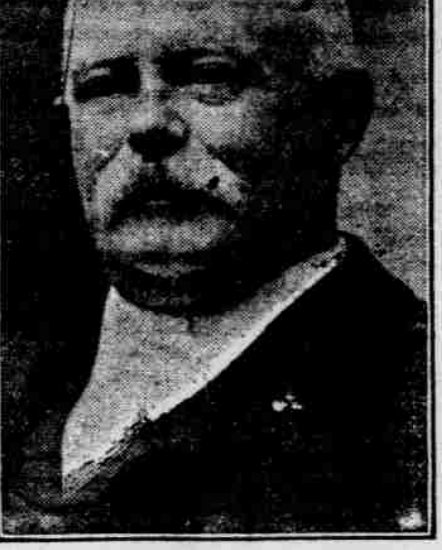
"Charity, not alone by the gifts of the code of this world and kind and cheering words spoken, but also when the hearts of men are filled with malice and they speak words of calumny and detraction come bravely forward and defend those who are the objects thereof and stay the tongues of slander.

"Justice in seeing the merits of others and your own shortcomings, by being unselfish and not seeking from your brother which is not your due and by willingly giving unto him that which is his due.

"Show your brotherly love by being ever ready and willing to forgive those who may wrong you and by quickly responding to the call of a brother in need and by making his sorrow the common sorrow of all.

"Fidelity by refusing to listen to the voice of the tempter when he bids you to the commission of wrongful deeds or the omission of acts of duty and by strictly adhering to that which you hold to be true and good.

"Yes, my brothers, be ever true to your principles and faithful to your friends. Let no unworthy man come among you, choose wisely your officers and leaders and exact from them the highest qualifications. And may it ever be that when you depart from these walls your practices in the broad field of life will be the same as herein. Then will our fellowmen say, well have the Elks built a temple and well do they practice what they preach."



WILLIAM LAWRENCE,
Tyler.

BURNHAM AS TOASTMASTER, BIG SUCCESS

The Elks Banquet at Algonquin Club Was a Joy Forever.

With the banquet at the Algonquin club in the afternoon yesterday the ceremonies attending the dedication of the Elks new home had their formal inception. Steward James Wines of the club served a most delectable dinner and the service augmented as it was by a corps of practiced waiters was of the best. Every seat was taken, there being upwards of 250 antlers assembled about the festive board.

At the guests' table the center of which was occupied by the toastmaster, Mr. William E. Burnham, chairman of the reception committee, sat the invited guests including the representatives of the grand lodge, Mr. John D. Shea, grand esteemed leading knight; Mr. Edward Leach, grand treasurer; and Mr. James T. Smith, district deputy grand exalted ruler who was the presiding officer of the imposing dedicatory services.

Exalted Ruler Joseph C. Ivers, Mayor Thomas H. Reilly of Hartford, and ex-Mayor Alexander Harbison of Hartford, together with a number of other past district deputies of the or-

der flanked the toastmaster. Exalted Ruler Ivers introduced Mr. Burnham as toastmaster and a cheer went up that fairly shook the rafters of the building. And "Bill" Burnham made good as toastmaster. There was a freshness and originality in his introduction that captivated the diners. It was the first time Brother Burnham had ever appeared at one of the social functions of the order, and to say that he won his way into the hearts of his fellow antlers would indeed be putting it mildly.

Bentley's orchestra furnished music and the program was a most varied and entertaining one. In addition to the complete musical outfit Mr. Bentley added his chimes and the effect was most striking. All of the fine old cheer songs so popular with banqueters were played and sung.

Later in the evening at the Elks' home in the social session room the orchestra, augmented by Leader John Reynolds of Smith's theatre and several of his assistants, delighted the throngs with as fine a brand of merry melodies as was ever heard in this city.

There were ringing speeches at the banquet table by Toastmaster Burnham, Exalted Ruler Ivers, Mayor Henry Lee, John A. Shea, Edward Leach, James T. Smith of Derby, Mayor Thomas H. Reilly of Meriden, former Mayor Harbison of Hartford, who as a special favor to the toastmaster acted as chairman. Sheriff Sild Hawley came near being called upon but his friend Burnham as the hour for the assembling of the parade was getting nigh permitted him to escape.

The Elks gave three hearty cheers for the Algonquin club and three more for the Seaside Club, both of which institutions were placed at the disposal of the antlers. During the evening there were frequent exchanges of courtesies between the members of the three clubs.

Grand Exalted Ruler R. L. Holland of Colorado Springs; John D. Shea, G. E. L. K., Edwardsville, Pa.; Jas. R. Nicholson, P. G. E. L. K., Waller, Pa.; A. M. MacElwee, G. E. L. K., Fort Worth, Texas; Warren G. Stare, G. E. L. K., Wabash, Indiana; Frederick C. Robinson, G. Secretary, Dubuque, Iowa; Edward Leach, G. Treasurer, New York City; Chas. L. Decker, G. Tyler, Bemidji, Minn.; A. M. Taylor, G. L. G. St. Augustine.

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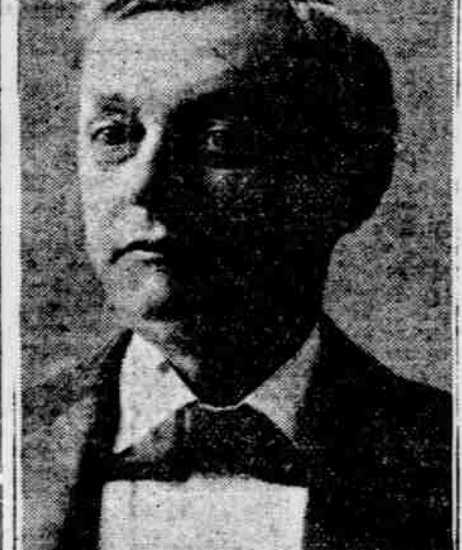
A man who wears the horns
Will never say, How do you do.
It's plain every day just 'Hello Billy'!"

The success of the event is due to the fact that the members plied in and performed the work caring for the guests themselves. In the bowling alleys, where the hungry were legion, were fed some of the best known members of the lodge. Members of the lunch committee were found in white coats and aprons, providing for the wants of the hungry.

This department was crowded from early morning until evening and in every case the committee checked and provided for under the direction of Chairman Peter Doolan, who personally supervised the making of 200 gallons of coffee. While all of the members of Bridgeport lodge got a little bit of enjoyment during the evening they followed the custom of Elkindom and made their guests welcome in their new home. They will enjoy the home later themselves.

There was plenty of music throughout the evening. The Wheeler & Wilson, the Derby Brass band, and the Second Regiment band of New Haven alternated in playing in the billiard hall while an orchestra furnished music in the grill room and the social session hall until early in the morning. There was no more music, however, of which Harry Johnson was chairman. The committee checked and cared for over 6,000 pieces of wearing apparel and returned each to its rightful owner in good condition. This was done in an improvised coat room. From the time that the big crowd of visitors thronged into the building until the last visitor left the building this morning there was not one injured or sick.

Much credit for the handling of this big crowd is due to the committee's good comfort and protection. The members of the committee were stationed at various points about the building and directed the visitors as well as attending to the needs of the guests. They were aided by using the stairs on one side of the building to reach the second floor and those on the other side to descend to the first floor.



CHARLES H. HINMAN,
Treasurer and Charter Member.

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SOCIAL ELKS SESSION

A Night of Merriment Provided by Entertainment Committee Fit for the Gods.

Christening of New Social Session Room to the Accompaniment of All That Was Entertaining.

"Yip-I-Ad-Dy-I-Ay-I-Ay, Yip-I-Ad-Dy-I-Ay, I don't care what becomes of me, When you play me that sweet melody, E. Yip-I-Ad-Dy-I-Ay-I-Ay."

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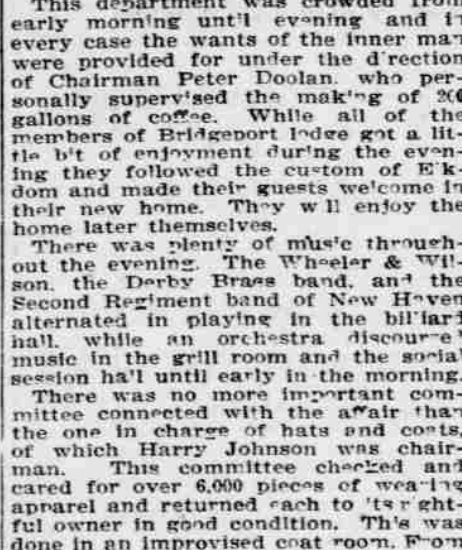
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TIMOTHY J. MURPHY,
Chairman of Board of Trustees, Who Received Keys of Home From Grand Exalted Ruler.

Key, J. L. Parquette, Frederick Schreiber, Louis Musante, William G. Russell, Chairman; Bernard Brady, A. Theifelder, Siras Wilson, Philip J. O-

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